

MEMORANDUM

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

February 5, 1971

TOP SECRET/SENSITIVE

MEMORANDUM FOR HENRY A. KISSINGER

FROM: John F. Lehman *JF*
SUBJECT: Talker for Jackson Breakfast

ON-FILE NSC RELEASE
INSTRUCTIONS APPLY

Senator Jackson is seriously concerned about Administration policy in SALT/ABM, the Middle East, the Mid-East Budget Request, and closing of reactors in his home State.

-- You should know that he recently met secretly with important Democratic and Republican contributors on the subject of making a run in '72.

Laos/Cambodia

-- He has not been briefed at all.

-- I strongly recommend (Capen and Timmons concur) that you brief him fully. He is leaving for Washington for the weekend, and will be very upset (with you) if he reads it all in the provincial press.

Jackson Amendment vs. FMS for Israel

-- He is very angry that we chose FMS over 501 in the budget for the following reasons: (See Tab A)

- amount inadequate
- terms inadequate
- signals ambivalence and indecision to Moscow.

-- Jackson will blast us on this in a speech on Sunday, and will fight us on the floor. He feels he has really been stabbed.

-- (Your decision package at Tab B)

TOP SECRET/SENSITIVE

TOP SECRET/SENSITIVE

2

Middle East

-- As you know he is very critical of our position and thinks we are being had by the Soviets. He blames it on:

1. State Department wooliness vis-a-vis Soviets;
2. ISA pro-Arabism.

SALT

In October Jackson sent you a memorandum (Tab C) expressing strong reservations about our SALT position. He is concerned that:

-- Improvements in Soviet technology are possible - legally - under our (then) current proposal.

-- Some options for improving Minuteman survivability - particularly mobility and hard point defense -- are prohibited to us under our proposal.

You sent a non-substantive reply on 1 December (Tab D) expressing the intention of meeting with him. That is your last communication with him.

He misgiving arises not only from the specifics of the proposal but from his assessment of Amb. Smith's and the delegations' compulsion to obtain an agreement above all.

ABM

-- Jackson is most anxious to know what the Administration is going to go for. He is most upset that he was not consulted before the decision was made.

-- From what he gathers, he suspects he will not like the Administration position.

-- He has served notice that his support cannot be counted on this year if he disagrees with the option.

-- It would be worth a special effort to sell him on our position. It could be very tempting for a presidential contender to oppose the Administration.

TOP SECRET/SENSITIVE

TOP SECRET/SENSITIVE

3

Hanford Reactors (in Washington)

-- OMB has (with AEC) cut two nuclear reactors for budgetary reasons. K reactor is final. N reactor is being reexamined but OMB says it will be closed.

As you know unemployment in Jackson's state is one of the highest in the nation. This further closing could be seen by Jackson as a conscious Administration effort (funny how so many budget cuts affect the states of Administration supporters).

SST

You are familiar with his leadership of the SST fight.

TOP SECRET/SENSITIVE